

HONGKONG, MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 1896, 4 P.M.



**BIRTHS.**  
On the 2nd instant, at No. 61, Wyndham Street, the wife of CHARLES MOORE, of a daughter.  
At Wuhu, on the 24th of July, the wife of Dr. ROBERT H. HART, of a daughter.  
At 25, Quinson Road, Shanghai, on the 25th of July, the wife of THOMAS HENRY HARRIS, of a daughter.

**MARRIAGES.**  
At the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Rangoon, on the 12th July, by the Rev. Father Lewis, CHARLES GRAMAM, the only son of the late Mr. J. C. Graham, Inspector of the Customs Preventive Service, to ALICE LA RIVE, eldest daughter of Mr. F. T. La Rive.  
At St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, on 25th ultimo by the Rev. W. H. C. Druckerley, ROBERT CHARLTON to MAUDE, daughter of Mr. Frank Woodford of Seely Lines.

**DEATHS.**  
At Varese, Italy, on the 24th July, at her Country Villa, Maria Dolores Gaggino, mother of Gaggino Brothers, of Singapore; aged 79 years.  
On the 26th July, at 25, Boone Road, Shanghai, BABY, the youngest son of Frank and Nellie FERRIS, aged four months and twenty-two days.

## TELEGRAMS.

(Special to Hongkong Telegraph.)

THE REVOLT IN FORMOSA.

THE REBELS DEFEATED AGAIN.

THE REBELLION ENTIRELY SUPPRESSED.

ALEX, August 3rd.

Official despatches received here this forenoon state the insurgent forces that recently retreated into central Formosa re-appeared at Tarpang, near Kagi, greatly alarming the whole neighbourhood.

On the 31st the rebels occupied Tonselshio, a town nine Chinese li from Tarpang, and treated the inhabitants in an outrageous manner. A company of Japanese infantry, with 20 gendarmes and 40 special constables, was promptly despatched to that neighbourhood.

The rebels came out into the open and attacked the advance guard of the Japanese, who fell back on the main detachment, followed by the insurgents. This was just what the Japanese wanted, and they gladly accepted the challenge. A severe engagement ensued resulting in a complete victory for the Japanese, who killed a large number of rebels and took about 100 prisoners, as well as the whole of their arms and ammunition.

Chinese who witnessed the battle speak highly of the splendid discipline of the Japanese, their coolness under fire, and their bravery. They also give the Japanese credit for acting with remarkable promptitude since the reports of the first reverses were received.

The rebellion is now entirely suppressed and peace is restored in all parts of the island. Trade is gradually improving, and will soon be in its usual condition at Taiwanfoo and other places.

## REUTERS'S MESSAGES.

THE IRISH LAND BILL.

LONDON, July 31st.

The Irish Land Bill has passed the House of Commons.

MR. CECIL RHODES.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes has offered to come to London to stand a trial if his prosecution is desired.

THE POWERS AND GREECE.

The Powers intend sending a Collective Note to Athens on the 1st of August, following the advice of the Powers, which was to allow the Sultan to restore order in Crete.

SOUTH AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

The House of Commons has agreed to appoint a Select Committee to enquire into the administration of the Cape and South African Company, including the responsibility of Imperial officials connected therewith.

CRICKET.

The Australian eleven has beaten Surrey with eleven wickets to spare.

THE TRANSVAAL RAIDERS.

Dr. Jameson and the other plotters have been removed to Wormwood Scrub, where they will be treated as second-class prisoners.

PUNJOMS.

The Secretary of the Punjab Mining Co. Limited, informs us that he has received the following telegram from the Mine, being the result of the July clean-up: "The mill ran 27 days, crushing 1,100 tons of ore, yielding 515 oz. of smelted gold and 100 tons of concentrates, which yielded 64 oz. gold."

THE TYPHOON.

MANILA REPORT.

Since José de Narváez, Spanish Consul at this port, has courteously favoured us with a copy of the following telegram received from Manila:—

"MANILA, August 2nd, 7.15 a.m."

"The cyclone has entered the island at Lat. 13 deg. The centre is passing to the south of Manila and its direction is S.E. to N.W."

"MANILA, August 2nd, 5.30 p.m."

"The cyclone is now to the N.W. Manila, in the China Sea. It appears to be receding to the North."

HONGKONG OBSERVATORY REPORTS.

HONGKONG, August 2nd, 11 a.m.

FORECAST:—N.E. winds freshening at first, but lessening to moderate. Strong N. and N.E. winds increasing in the North part of the China Sea.

The typhoon appears to have passed into the China Sea and to be now situated off the N.W. coast of Japan. It will probably move towards N.W.

At noon the Red Cone, sitting downwind, was suspended at the Victor Emanuel's yard.

area. The Red Cone indicates that a typhoon is raging to the South, and is believed to be more than 300 miles from the Colony.

On the 3rd at 11.30 a.m.—Black South Cone hoisted. Typhoon about 300 miles to the S.E. of Hongkong, moving towards N.W. At 10.45 a.m.—The barometer has risen at Bellin, fallen in the neighbourhood of Hongkong. Pressure is nearly 0.1 inch below the normal at Hongkong. FORECAST:—Strong N.E. and E. winds, increasing; equally and showery.

The Black Cone indicates the existence of a typhoon within 300 miles of the Colony.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE TEMPLE BELIEVES IT CALVIN THAT THE TEMPLE WILL VISIT PARIS AT THE MIDDLE OF SEPTEMBER.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS APPOINTED MR. J. A. HARWOOD TO BE SOLICITOR GENERAL, STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 15TH.

THE HON. JOHN BARNES, UNITED STATES MINISTER AT THE COURT OF BANGKOK, RESUMED CHARGE OF AMERICAN INTERESTS IN SIAM ON THE 21ST JULY.

WEATHER PARALLING, A MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE B. M. M. O. A. WILL BE HELD IN THE ASSOCIATION'S ROOMS, FRAGA C. SAL, AT 8.30 THIS EVENING.

THE OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO.'S NEW SIXTEEN PATROL, a sister ship of the *Prometheus*, arrived at Singapore on the 24th ultimo, on her maiden trip to the East.

MR. DE BUNEM, British Charge d'Affaires at Bangkok, is, according to the *Singapore Free Press*, at present, by medical advice, taking a round tour *via* Singapore, Java, and Hongkong, for the benefit of his health.

THE *Courrier de Chine* terms with great pleasure that M. Dubail, Consul-General of France, has been promoted to the grade of Officer of the Legion of Honour. This is doubtless a case of honour being done to one to whom honour is due.

HERR P. KEMPERMANN, Minister Resident for Germany at Bangkok, has left Siam. He was at Singapore on the 24th ultimo on his way back to Berlin. A few years ago Mr. Kempermann was in charge of German interests in Korea.

INDIAN contemporaries state:—A persistent rumour is current in Siam to the effect that it has been decided to close all Government offices from the 24th to the 30th September; next, in commemoration of her Majesty the Queen-Empress completing a reign of 59 years.

THUS the *Siam Observer*:—The matrimonial wave continues to sweep our local shipping folk into the best haven of all. We have of two weddings to take place in September, and although we have no right to mention names, we may say that both expectant bridegrooms are popular officers of "S.O." steamers.

FURTHER fighting is reported from Achens: On the 21st instant, three regiments with artillery and cavalry made a reconnoitring expedition into the enemy's territory, and passed through four important villages before returning to the lines. The enemy made some determined resistance that the Dutch loss came to eight, and thirty-six wounded. One officer and twenty privates fell on the way from exhaustion and the heat.

In reply to a memorial from the Straits Settlements Bar the Secretary of State has assented to the appointment of a fourth judge for the colony. Mr. Chamberlain adds he considers that the limitation of Assize and Registrar to the class of duly qualified lawyers is reasonable, provided that the limitation be modified by making five years' service as Deputy Registrar an equivalent qualification for the post of Assistant Registrar, on the part of an officer who is not a lawyer.

It is reported that the Directors of the Indo-Chinese Fire Insurance Co., which has just been formed at Hongkong, are to be paid by merit. Until the shareholders have been paid 8 per cent., which absorbs fr. 20,000, the Directors get nothing, but as the net profit exceeds so the remuneration advances, a net profit of fr. 30,000 giving them fr. 1,000, and a net profit of fr. 300,000 giving them fr. 35,000. The Directors' fees are, it is said, made the last charge on the funds.

THE following is clipped from the *Rangoon Times* of the 17th July, received here yesterday:—In consequence of the decrease in the freight rates between Saigon and Hongkong, a number of steamers which for years have been trading between those ports have been compelled to seek fresh charters at other ports in the East. The first one to lead the way, and come to Rangoon, is the steamer *Talartes* and she has landed 400 tons of cargo for Penang. She leaves to-day, and we understand other steamers are to follow her example. (The freight between Hongkong and Saigon has come down to 8 cents per picul (133½ lbs) and this has been declared insufficient to pay for even the expenses of the steamer, let alone leaving a margin for wear and tear. Although the freight between Rangoon and Penang is only 5 cents a bag, yet this is said to pay better than the Hongkong rate.)

## MEMORANDA.

TO-MORROW, 4th August.

French and Canadian mails due.

WEDNESDAY, 5th August.

Birthday of Emperor of China—Chinese Customs closed.

11 a.m.—Outward French Mail closes.

Noon.—*Express Steamer* leaves for Kurrer.

3 p.m.—Meeting of the Legislative Council.

THURSDAY, 6th August.

English mail due.

SATURDAY, 8th August.

American mail due.

Noon.—*Golden* leaves for San Francisco, *via* usual ports of call.

Noon.—*Evandale* leaves for Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma, *via* Kobe and Yokohama.

A new Shanghai daily is announced to appear on the 1st September—to be edited by Mr. W. H. Smith, who was at one time managing editor of the *Yapoo Gazette*, presumably assisted by his very able wife.

Re this late Mr. Harry Stanley, the *Madras Mail* says:—We regret to learn that the widow and two daughters of the late Mr. Harry Stanley have been compelled to stay in Madras since the receipt of the sad news of Mr. Stanley's death owing to want of means to get away. It will be remembered that the news of Mr. Stanley's death reached Madras just about the time that his wife and family were expecting him to arrive with funds to enable them to resume their professional career. We have been asked to make known the destitute condition in which these poor ladies find themselves with a view to a subscription list being opened to defray their debts and to cover the cost of their journey to Calcutta, where they have a certain amount of stage accessories, scenery, costumes, &c., the proceeds of the sale of which, it is hoped, will carry them to their home in Australia, where they will be able to realise some property as has been left them. We understand that a sum of about Rs. 1,000 will be sufficient for the purpose mentioned, and we shall be glad to receive, and acknowledge in our columns, any contributions which our readers may be disposed to make towards the assistance of the widow and daughters of one of whom many in India have a kindly recollection.

OUR morning contemporary publishes to-day a translation of an article which appeared recently in that little-known Tonkin paper *Courrier d'Haiphong*. The article in question is likely enough written or inspired by some hare-brained Frenchman who has not received as rapid promotion in the Customs Service as he thinks he deserves. He therefore agitates for the appointment of a French Chief of the Customs Service and all sorts of things in a manner that shows to a certain extent just how the wind may be expected to blow in certain French circles. If the writer of the article in the *Tonkin Servant* had confined himself to facts the article might have carried some weight with it; but it is so full of ill-disguised prejudice and contains so many falsehoods and perversions of the truth, and such grossly offensive remarks about Sir Robert Hart that in our next issue we shall take some trouble to reply to the impudent and insinuating scribbler who is responsible for a wholly unjustifiable attack on a really great man; on a man who is a credit to his country, an ornament to the Service he controls, a bright star on the gloomy political horizon in the north. Played-out Tonkin officials to flood the Chinese Customs Service, eh? Never! The idea is very pretty, but the effect would be decidedly bad.

## INSANITARY DWELLINGS COMMISSION.

The following Commission issued by His Excellency the Governor in Council is published in the *Government Gazette* of the 1st August:—

WILLIAM ROBINSON, GOVERNOR.

Whereas it is expedient that a Commission be appointed to inquire into the existence of insanitary properties in the colony and the means to be adopted to improve such properties and to abate overcrowding, with special reference to the following details, viz:—

1.—Whether it is desirable to resume insanitary properties, improve them, and then re-sell them.

2.—The means by which such properties are to be resumed and the compensation to be paid for same.

3.—How the said properties should be improved and by whom such improvement should be carried out.

4.—The means to be adopted for housing the occupants of any dwellings pending improvement.

5.—The amount of capital required for resumption and improvements, how it is to be raised, and how far it will be met by a re-sale, with any suggestions or recommendations the Commission may make on the subject.

Now therefore, I, Sir William Robinson, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, in Executive Council assembled, do hereby under the powers vested in me by Ordinance 27 of 1866, entitled *The Commissioners Powers Ordinance, 1866*, appoint you—

1.—The Honourable James Haldane Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretary and a Member of the Executive and Legislative Councils.

2.—The Honourable Cathick Paul Chater, a Member of the Legislative Council.

3.—The Honourable Thomas Henderson Whitehead, a Member of the Legislative Council.

4.—Nathaniel Joseph Ede, Esquire.

5.—Thomas Jackson, Esquire.

to be a Commission for the purpose of instituting, making, and conducting such enquiry and I do hereby appoint you the said James Haldane Stewart Lockhart to be Chairman of such Commission; And I do hereby appoint Nathaniel Joseph Ede, Esquire, to be the Secretary to such Commission; And I do hereby order and direct that all or any of the purposes of this Commission three members thereof inclusive of the Chairman shall be and constitute a quorum. And I do further hereby order and direct that the said Commission shall, for the purpose of making the said enquiry, have all such powers as are vested in the Supreme Court of this colony or in any Judge thereof on the occasion of any suit or action in respect of the following matters, viz:—

The enforcing the attendance of witnesses and examining them on oath, affirmation or otherwise;

The compelling the production of documents;

The punishing persons guilty of contempt;

The ordering the inspection of any property;

with power also, for the purpose of this Commission, to enter and view any premises.

And I do hereby further direct that every examination of witnesses shall be held in private; and I do further require you to report to me the evidence and your opinion thereon; and I do hereby charge all persons in the Public Service to assist you herein.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the colony in Executive Council, this Twenty-sixth day of July, One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-six.

By Command, W. J. BARNES, Acting Clerk of Council.

## THE MILITARY MULET.

The *Singapore Free Press* of 24th July says:—The political situation at Hongkong is serious. That colony has a legitimate ground for agitation against a decision conveyed in a despatch of Mr. Chamberlain, the substance of which has been telegraphed to the *Singapore Free Press*. It is therein laid down that Hongkong must pay its 17½ per cent. of Military Contribution, and that there shall be no rebate as to any revenue that might be accounted of a municipal character. That is to say, for all houses and property assessments, horse and carriage licenses, dog taxes, &c., 17½ per cent. is to go for military contribution. The demand is a preposterous one. Let Hongkong note, that by fighting this demand on the municipal principle, it is really strengthening its hands for the demand it is bound to keep up for the acquisition of a Municipal Board.

## SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILED DUE:

Canadian (*Empress of China*) to-morrow.

French (*Saghalien*) to-morrow.

English (*Rosetta*) 6th inst.

American (*City of Peking*) 8th inst.

Tacoma (*Brascan*) 11th inst.

American (*Doric*) 16th inst.

American (*China*) 27th inst.

Tacoma (*Tacoma*) 27th inst.

The *Hankow* will proceed to Canton at 6 p.m.

The *Tai-wei* will leave for Canton at 6.10 p.m.

The steamship *Pusan* will be despatched for Canton at 8 a.m. to-morrow.

The Douglas Company's steamer *Hatsumi* will leave for Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui at noon to-morrow.

The *Empress of India* arrived at New York on the 1st inst.

The World Lloyd steamship *Sachsen*, Capt. H. Sommer, from Hongkong the 30th ult., arrived at Shanghai yesterday morning.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Shanghai* left Singapore for this port at 5 p.m. on the 1st inst., and is due here at 6 a.m. on the 7th.

THE P. & O. Co.'s steamship *Rosetta*, with the next English mails, left Singapore for this port at 4 p.m. on the 1st inst., and may be expected here at 6 a.m. on the 6th inst.

We are informed by the Agents of the Austrian Lloyd's S. N. Co. that the Company's steamer *Marquis Bagquhem* left Kobe for this port on the 21st of the 31st ult.

THE Agents (Messrs. Dowdell, Carill & Co.) inform us that the Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Tacoma* left Victoria for this port, *via* usual ports of call, on the 30th ult.

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Peking*, with mails, etc., left Nagasaki this morning for this port.

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *China*, with mails, etc., left San Francisco for this port, *via* Honolulu, Yokohama, and Nagasaki, on the 30th ult.

THE O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Doric*, with mails, etc., left San Francisco for this port, *via* Yokohama and Nagasaki, on the 21st ult.

THE O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Bright*, with mails, etc., which left Hongkong on July 5th for San Francisco, *via* Macao, Amoy, Nagasaki, Kobe, Island Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu, arrived at her destination on the 31st ult.

## Today's Advertisements.

WIRTH'S CIRCUS.

Sole Owner.....MRS. HARRY WIRTH.

Manager.....J. CAMERON.

NO PERFORMANCE TO-NIGHT.

ON ACCOUNT OF INCONVENIENCE OF THE WEATHER.

TO-MORROW! TO-MORROW!

Grand Opening at New Location, WEST POINT—RAIN OR SHINE.

PRICES AS USUAL.

WILL T. DORRANCE, Advertising Agent.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES OF THE COMPANY No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 24th August, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1896.

THE TRADING BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th August, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors, THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary.

HONGKONG, 3rd August, 1896. [1182]

WANTED.

FOR A SHANGHAI FIRM, ON A FIVE YEARS' AGREEMENT, a man who thoroughly understands the IMPORT and EXPORT BUSINESS. Only such who can prove that they have had experience in this Branch may apply to "X."

*via* Hongkong Telegraph Office.

HONGKONG, 3rd August, 1896. [1215]

SOCIETE FERMIERE DE L'OPIMUM AU TONKIN.

EN LIQUIDATION.

SOCIETE ANONYME AU CAPITAL DE 1,000,000 FRANCS.

SIEGE SOCIAL—HANOI.

NOTICE.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby informed that the Sum of Max. Dollars NINETY (90), being the FOURTH DIVIDEND Due on Account of the Company's Assets, is PAYABLE in HONGKONG at the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, from the 1st September to the 30th September, 1896, and in HADRONG at the HANGKOW and SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, from the 1st October to the 30th October, 1896, against Presentation of Share.

By Order, ARNOLD, KARRER & CO., Agents.

HONGKONG, 3rd August, 1896. [1218]

## Today's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN,"

Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 4th August, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896. [1208]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEWCHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and PORTS on the YANGTZE.)

THE Company's Steamship

"PATROLUS,"

Captain Dickens, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 4th August.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896. [1206]

FOR KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

THE Steamship

"NANSHAN,"

Captain Jenkins, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 7th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BRADLEY & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896. [1210]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.)